J. Edgar Hoover

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United States Senate

Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Wall:

Reference is made to the memorandum bearing subject, which we have, and self-explanatory. In regard thereto I would suggest that an attempt be made to learn more about Mr. Cowles' stay in the U.S.S.R. and his "dealings with a pro-Nazi committee." That any future inquiry be directed along more productive lines. Further, I suggest any Congressional inquiry be conducted by an agency that has no private axe to grind.

With regard to the activities of Mr. Cowles under my secretary Harry White and

3. The inquiries, coupled with data furnished me by a confidential source,

[illegible] the following:

Mr. Cowles did not significant association with the Far Play Inc. Committee. He had no significant contact or relationship with any pro-Nazi elements, though he was said to have associated with such. He maintained no significant association with any Nazi-created group or movement. He was not affiliated with a Nazi group or movement. He was not an agent or informant, in the commonly accepted sense of the word, for any investigative, police, or intelligence agency, whether or foreign. He was unaware of a conspiracy to murder Hitler that is said to have been in the late part of September 1943. This conspiracy was neither Communist inspired, nor was it instigated by any foreign government or organization of

individual representative of any foreign government.

In the summer of 1963 I received instructions to initiate action against H.L. Hunt, who was the indispensable tool in the conspiracy, and thereafter upset the United States, Cuba. Although I did neither, I did, subsequent to obtaining a valid passport and prior to my arrest, deposit a letter via registered mail to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, advising in sufficient detail of the aforesaid conspiracy and the identity and whereabouts of Mr. Oswald.

In the county at Dallas, when I became convinced the F.B.I. was more concerned with keeping me in custody (and with cleaning its dirty linen) than it was in resolving facts which would have shed light on the assassination of President Kennedy, I made every reasonable effort under the existing circumstances to testify before the Warren Commission. I even sent letters to the Chief, Secret Service Bureau and Mr. J.J. Rankin, then Counsel for the Commission. --

For what little it is apparently worth now, my opinion is that the death of President Kennedy was brought about, if not directly, resultant from a conspiracy and also due in great part to the stupidity or negligence of the F.B.I.; That Mr. Oswald's identity was the only assertion; and that his own sincerity was not attributable to any conspiracy of which I was cognizant.

Very truly,

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